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# U.S. reporter is killed in Pastora bombing

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — An American working for a Costa Rican newspaper was killed in the explosion that ripped through a news conference at the secret jungle headquarters of Nicaraguan rebel leader Eden Pastora on Wednesday night. Four other people were killed and 28 were wounded, including Pastora.

The American killed was Linda Frazier, a reporter for the English-language Tico Times of San Jose. Also slain was Jorge Quiroz, a Costa Rican television cameraman from San Jose.

A third victim was a guerrilla, identified only by her battle name, "Rosita," who was in charge of the rebel camp near La Penca, a Nicaraguan hamlet across the San Juan River from Costa Rica. Police and Red Cross officials said the other two people killed had not been identified.

Pastora, the military head of the Costa Rica-based Democratic Revolutionary Alliance fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government, suffered burns and shrapnel wounds.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack at the two-story wood frame house with a tropical-style open front.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass accused the CIA of engineering the explosion. In Washington, the CIA denied "categorically" that it had "anything to do with the bombing of the press conference," said agency spokeswoman Patricia Volz.

The blast occurred as reporters crowded around Pastora for a question-and-answer session on the second floor of the house.

"There was a blinding explosion that knocked me back 10 feet into a wall," said Reid G. Miller, an Associated Press reporter who suffered shrapnel cuts and burns. "The explosion seemed to come from the middle of the circle of journalists."

Pastora, 48, was taken across the river into Costa Rica and by ambulance to the Biblical Clinic, a private hospital in San Jose. A hospital official who refused to identify himself

said Pastora suffered first- and second-degree burns on his chest, and had shrapnel in his face and legs, but said the "injuries are not mortal."

The official said Pastora was accompanied by aide Roberto "Tito" Chamorro, who was wounded in an eye, the nose, chest and legs.

"They are not in danger of death, and they have been given adequate treatment. They are in satisfactory condition, and we don't know how long Pastora will stay," he said.

Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge, who is in Madrid, Spain, on a state visit, ordered that Pastora be arrested upon crossing the border from Nicaragua, according to Costa Rica's information minister, Armando Vargas. There was no independent confirmation that the order had been carried out.

Vargas said Pastora would be expelled to a country other than Nicaragua. He said the rebel leader had not asked for political asylum.

Monge has been cracking down on fighting elements of the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance on the ground that it is compromising Costa Rica's neutral status.

Pastora, who became a Sandinista hero as Commander Zero, broke with his former comrades two years ago and accused them of betraying the revolution through their close links with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Pastora's cousin and aide, Orion Pastora, said before the bombing that the rebel leader had planned to announce at the news conference his withdrawal from the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance in an internal dispute.

Orion Pastora said the group was

planning to join forces with another rebel group, the Honduras-based Nicaraguan Democratic Force.

The two groups reportedly receive training, money and weapons from the CIA, although the Honduran group is clearly more influenced by the CIA and Pastora refuses to acknowledge CIA assistance. Pastora has refused to link up with the Honduras-based group because its military command is dominated by former followers of the man the Sandinistas overthrew in July 1979, Anastasio Somoza.

"Up to now, there is no official reaction. But there will be a communique later in the day," Manuel Espinoza, a spokesman for the ruling three-man Sandinista junta, said yesterday.

Costa Rican security agents seeking clues in the bombing questioned many of the wounded yesterday, including several journalists, at a hospital where they were being treated in Quesada, 63 miles north of the Costa Rican capital.

La Penca is 32 miles northeast of Quesada and can be reached only by unpaved country roads and small boats.